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Scholarship Student Selection 2021
William and Nancy Budd Scholarship**

Summary Report

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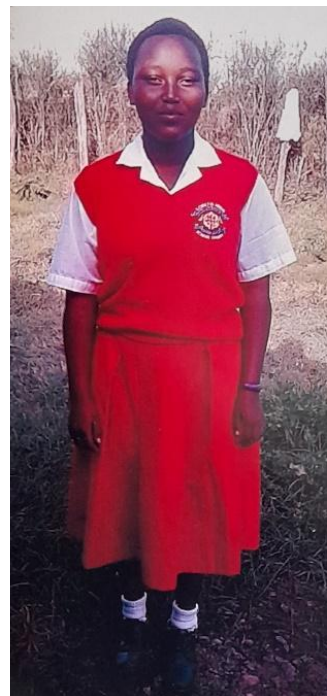
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SOUTH RIFT REGION

CHRISTINE N. L.

Christine was born in 2002 in Kimuri. Her large polygamous family (father married 2 wives with a total of thirteen children with both wives) resides in a hard to reach area in Samburu County. She is the 2nd born in her mother's house that has 8 children- 4 boys and 4 girls. Christine's parents rely on livestock and subsistence farming. Her young sisters and brother are in public primary and secondary schools. Christine did her final primary national examinations in 2018 and had an excellent score of 401 marks out of 500. She was the top student in her school. She was admitted in a high school in Limuru, she is currently in form two.

As described by her church pastor, she is intelligent, God fearing, amiable, well organized and hardworking. She is an active youth leader in her local church. Christine has reported back to school (after being at home due to disruption of the education calendar by the Covid 19) and is doing well academically. The family is struggling to educate all thirteen children, making it difficult for the parents to meet basic needs for the entire family. Christine's education plans and dreams are also at risk due to the prevalence of Female Genital Mutilation and early marriage should she drop out of school because of family hardship. The scholarship award will keep her in school and propel her to the next level of education, allowing her to avoid a customary early marriage. The selection committee therefore approved her application for the 2021 scholarship program.



COLLINS K. K.

Collins hails from Kericho County. He was born in 2005. Collins the last born child out of the family of 6 children- 4 boys and 2 girls. Collins sat for his KCPE in 2018 in primary school where he scored 391 marks out of 500. Through donations and support from well-wishers, Collins was admitted to a high school where he is currently in Form Two.

Collins is progressing well in his school performance, as demonstrated by his school progress reports. Both of his parents are small scale farmers on a ½ acre farm, which they rely on for food and income. Collins' brothers and sisters are in public primary, secondary schools and tertiary schools. They rely on well-wishers to raise school fees. Collins is an active youth member in his Church. His vicar describes him as the beacon of hope for his family if offered education. He is in dire need of scholarship support. The selection committee recommends him for the 2021 scholarship program.



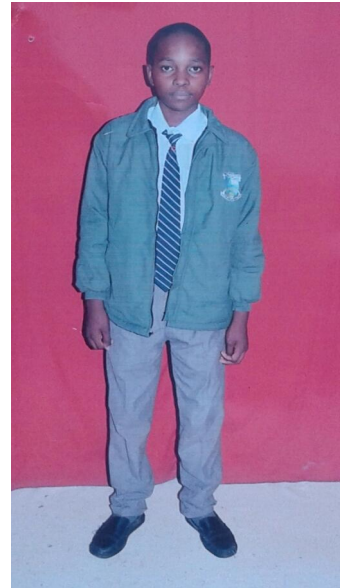
CENTRAL REGION

ERIC K. W.

Eric was born in 2005 in Murang'a County and is the second born in a family of three children. The responsibility of paying school fees and rent was left to his single mother, after his father left the family when Eric was in class two. He faced difficulty going through primary school and moved to a different school. Since he was a bright student, the Principal of the school paid his school fees until class eight.

He did his KCPE in 2018 and attained 418 marks. He was admitted to a local high school where he is currently in form two. A well-wisher facilitated his entry in this school, but only supported him for the first term in form one, resulting in his being sent home for fees from second term, something that affected his performance.

Eric is a member of a local parish and has great academic potential, but for the financial challenges his family experiences. His mother owns no property and engages in casual labor earning very little in the inconsistent opportunities she gets, resulting in great struggle to fend for Eric and his siblings. Should Eric secure this scholarship, this will go a long way to facilitate his uninterrupted learning, better performance and achieve his dreams.



R. JOAN M.

Joan was born in 2004 in Nyeri County. She is the second born in a family of two children and a single mother. She sat for her KCPE in 2018 and scored 390 marks. She attended a preparatory school and the school sponsored her for the eight years due to her needy background. Her mother worked in the same school as a secretary and she used the little she earned to fend for her family. This wasn't sufficient to cover Joan's fees and those of her elder brother. Unfortunately, Joan's mother lost the job during Covid 19 pandemic and has gotten a simple job at a spare shop in Nairobi.

Joan was admitted to high school, where her mother has been greatly struggling to pay her school fees. Joan's mother has gone into debt attempting to keep her and the brother in school, since she has no stable source of income. This has affected her academic performance, as she witnesses the struggles her mother goes through to fulfill their needs and has to spend some days away from school to collect fees.



Despite these challenges, Joan has remained hopeful that she will make it. She is a bright student and is a disciplined and committed girl in church. She seeks this support to enable her to have uninterrupted learning and looks forward to being considered.

NORTH RIFT REGION

K. SAMWEL W.

Samwel was born in 2005. He comes from a very humble family of three; his mother, his brother and himself. His father died in 2005. Samwel did his KCPE in 2018 and scored 412 marks. His schooling was a big challenge. He was given help and support by the bishop of Full Gospel Churches of Kenya, who learned of his situation through his mother's friend. He decided to sponsor him and his brother in his primary school.

Unfortunately, when Samwel received admission to a national high school, the bishop was not able to take care of his secondary school fees.

The bishop did not want Samwel to miss the start of his secondary education, so he mobilized the congregants to contribute some money to pay his form one first term fees. The bishop is still helping Samwel's brother to finish his primary education. The responsibility of his secondary school fees is now up to his mother, a social volunteer who earns 6,000 shillings per month.



This amount is not enough to cover Samwel's fees and the family's living expenses. This becomes a very tough challenge for them because Samwel would like to finish his secondary education in order to achieve his goals and dreams, rather than sit at home due to lack of school fees.

Samwel believes he has great potential and a bright future, which will only happen if he is given the opportunity to take on a good journey in his secondary education. Having his mother as the only breadwinner will not be enough pay his fees.

S. SARAH C.

Sarah was born in 2004, in Trans Nzoia County. She is the 3rd born child of five children being raised by a single mother. Her elder sister is in college and her elder brother is in form three, while her two younger brothers are in primary school. Her parents used to operate a small hotel business whilst they lived peacefully. Sadly, in 2010, her parents separated after having a disagreement. Her mother was the first one to leave them, then the following year, their father followed suit after leaving them in the hands of their grandmother.

During her primary school, she went through many difficulties; sometimes getting a uniform was not easy. They were assisted by their grandmother and their mother who used to send some money. Luckily she completed her primary school, scoring 370 marks in KCPE in 2018 and got admission to a Girls High School.

In December 2018, her mother came back and the children stay with her during the school holiday. Her mother operates a small grocery shop, while her father's whereabouts are unknown. Her main problem is getting school fees and she depends on the assistance of relatives and well-wishers. This has greatly affected her performance. Getting assistance through scholarship will be a great relief to her. She aspires to become a doctor and promises to work very hard to achieve her goals. She is a member of a local Baptist Church.



NAIROBI REGION

JESSICAH N. K.

Jessicah N. K. was born in 2005. She is the 1st born in a family of 3 siblings. Her siblings Samuel and Vanessa are Primary school pupils.

Jessicah's parents are struggling farmers who rely on helping people on their farms to earn a living. Their income is not sufficient to cover the family's education needs.

Jessicah sat for her KCPE exams in 2018 and scored 407 marks out of 500. She then joined high school, where she is currently in Form 2. In her last term exams, she scored a mean grade of B- while she commits to aspire for better grades.

Jessicah is a committed member of her local church, where she is an active member of the Brigade. Her Pastor confirmed her need and recommended her for support under the scholarship program.



She promises to work harder given the opportunity and overcome any barrier that may hinder her success. She looks forward to performing well in the future support her other siblings, parents and the community around her.

The scholarship committees recommended Jessicah for support having performed well against the indicators set.

KEVIN H. S.

Kevin Humphrey Shoo was born on 8th April 2004. There are 2 children in his family. His ten year old brother is a grade 4 pupil at Huruma Primary school- Nairobi.

Kevin was born to a single mother who is a hawker, earning averagely Ksh. 200 - 300 per day.

Kevin's mother struggles to support her 2 sons, as the little she earns from her hawking may only put food on their table and nothing else. They currently live a life of poverty in the slums.

Kevin went to primary school where he excelled in his KCPE, scoring a total of 369 marks out of 500 in 2018. Upon completion of his primary education, he was called to join a national high school but, due to the high fees, he was not able to join. His mother sought an opportunity at a high school in Nairobi where he is currently enrolled. He is in Form 2 where he has demonstrated good performance, having scored B- in his last term exams.



Kevin is also well known to his local parish minister, who has recommended him for scholarship support. He is an active member of the local Lutheran church.

Kevin is described by his teachers as a disciplined boy, who has a dream to become a surgeon upon completion of his Tertiary studies. He is in need of the scholarship to enable him to concentrate on his studies and make his dreams come true.

The scholarship committee reviewed his applications and approved him for support under the scholarship fund.

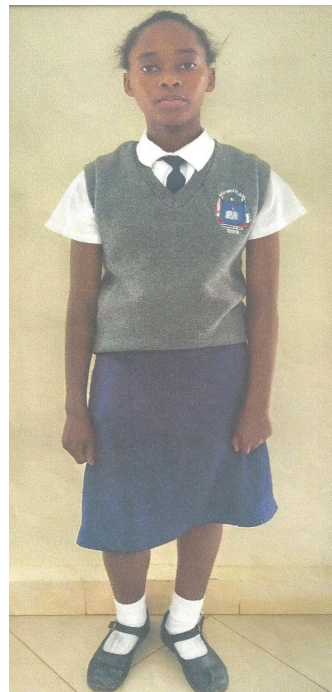
LOWER EASTERN REGION

VIVIAN M. L.

Vivian was born in 2005 in Machakos. She is a second born daughter in a family of two. Her elder sister Mercy is in Form Three.

Her mother is single and sickly, and works on and off as house help. She earns Kshs. 4000 per month, which is not enough to cover school fees and other household needs. The family live under the care of her 60 year old grandmother, who depends on her small farm proceeds and other family well-wishers for living expenses and school fees.

Through many struggles in and out of school with prolonged days of absenteeism, she sat for her KCPE in 2018 and scored 394 marks. With the help of well wishers, she joined a high school where she is currently a form two student. Vivian is appealing for help to enable her to concentrate on her studies because she has been sent home intermittently for non-payment of school fees, which has affected her grades. She is a well disciplined girl and her school performance is above average. Given assistance, she can do very well and achieve her desired 'A' grade, which will enable her to join the university to pursue her dream of becoming an electrical engineer. She is an active member of her local church.



ERIC M.

Erick was born in 2004 in the remote town of Kalawa. He lives with both parents (who are peasant farmers on their two acres of ancestral land,) 2 older siblings, and two adopted siblings belonging to his aunt.

In primary school Eric did his KCPE exams and scored 408 marks which enabled him to secure an opportunity in a National high school. Eric is a form two student. Paying the school fees has been a struggle for him and his siblings as they can only depend on the farm proceeds. The two elder siblings dropped out of college because they could not raise enough money for their studies. Currently they are engaged in casual odd jobs, as they hope to amass enough to support their education in the near future. Eric is a very committed child both in school and in church. He is a very bright boy who has maintained excellent performance in High School. Given an opportunity and school fees support, he can do very well. This scholarship will help him achieve his dream of pursuing engineering studies.



WESTERN REGION

JAMES W.

James was born in 2003 in Kakamega county. He is the second born out of a family of five children. James sat for his K.C.P.E in 2018 and scored 411 marks. He later got a chance to join a national high school.

James is a member of the Anglican Church of Kenya (A.C.K) and, despite his family's financial constraints, he has good performance at school. James lives with both parents, who have difficulties in facilitating his school fees. James' father lost his job as a clerk and reverted to farming, and his mother is a small scale business woman. Their total family income can't scale up to raising his school fees.

Characterwise, he is disciplined and hardworking, and this is reflected in his performance at school. Their current living conditions make it difficult for the family to support James' education process. His academic excellence could lead to a promising future. These factors and merit led the committee to decide that James should be listed among best suited candidates for the scholarship program.

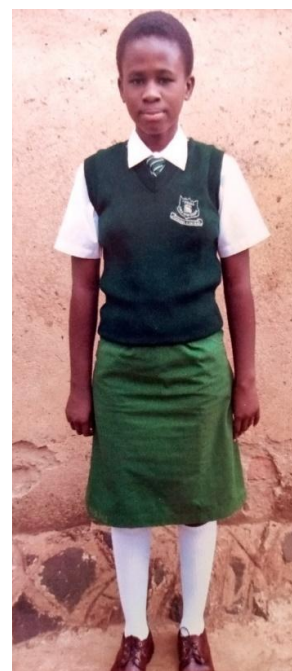


WINSLET A.

Winslet was born in 2004 in Kakamega. She is the first born in a family of two children. Sadly, Winslet is under care of her grandparents, after the demise of her mother. She sat for her K.C.P.E certificate, scored 409 marks, and was admitted to high school, where she is in form two. Winslet's family resides in Kakamega county.

Winslet is a member of the Overcoming Faith Church. She has a remarkable academic record in her high school studies, despite the financial constraints on her family. They have a great difficulty raising school fees because her 70 year old grandfather is the sole breadwinner and is partially blind, while her grandmother is jobless. Winslet has a younger sibling in class 8, about to join high school, which adds to the family's financial strain.

Winslet is a hardworking student with commendable results and high levels of discipline. However, she is experiencing financial limitations because of the current situation of being an orphan and supported by a partially blind grandfather and a grandmother with no source of income. The scholarship program would be of great benefit because she is bright and this would help her complete her high school education. Through the selection committee sitting, she was proposed for the 2021 scholarship program.



COAST REGION

EVALINE S. S.

Evaline was born in 2003 in Kilifi County. She is the second born in a family of 3. She attended her Primary education where she got 401 marks out of the possible 500 on the KCPE exam. She is currently at Bunyore Girls with an average performance of B+. Her father is a boda boda (motorcycle taxi driver) and her mother is a housewife.

Most of her relatives are uneducated and see no value in educating girls. Her mother sent Evaline to live with her sister who lived miles away from the family so that she may continue with her studies. The elders of the family had decided to marry her off to a wealthy man immediately after completing her class 8, but the church stood firm and rescued her, and she joined a girls high school. Both the parents cannot afford to raise the fee required. Despite these setbacks, she is performing excellently. She is an active member of her church, as indicated by the district overseer. She would like to be a lecturer after completing her studies, hence she needs to be assisted and mentored to reach her goals.



According to the head teacher and the area chief, Evaline is of good character, obedient, hardworking, and an active participant in co-curricular activities. If assisted she can do well in school and be a role model to her community. The regional committee recommended her for the scholarship.

ESBONE M. K.

Esbone was born in 2004 in Tana River County. He is the 4th born in a family of 6. At primary school, he scored 392 out of the possible 500 marks on the KCPE exam. He was called to join Meru School and he is currently in form two. Esborne has an average mark of B, as is seen in the attached report forms. He is an active member of the Methodist church. His father is a retired public health officer and depends on his monthly pension to take care of the family, while his mother is a housewife. Esborne's father has 3 children in college and has no other source of income, apart from the monthly pension. The area chief and the Clergy have described Esborne as coming from a very needy family with poor background and are requesting that he may be assisted so that the father would concentrate on paying college fees for the other 3 children. The regional committee recommended Esborne as one of the NCCK scholarship beneficiaries.



UPPER EASTERN REGION

SHARON M. G.

Sharon was born in 2005 in Meru North District. She is the 2nd born out of 4 siblings. She was born in a humble family who have a very small piece of land which they farm for domestic use. Her elder sister is in college, while the younger sister and brother are in Primary school. Her parents are peasant farmers.

Sharon was grateful to God that she joined a boarding primary school where her parents were assisted by her uncle and some family friends who were motivated to pay her fees due to her good performance. She faced a lot of challenges, as she was sent home frequently to collect school fee balances. Despite the challenges, she worked hard at the academy and she excelled by scoring 425 marks out of 500. Sharon was admitted to High School, where she is putting lots of effort in her studies. She is hard working and disciplined which has enhanced her performance in school. Her father took out a loan when she was joining form one of high school and it has been a huge struggle repaying the loan and paying her school fees and that of her elder sister. Sharon would be grateful if she is given the scholarship to enable her to continue with her learning without any interruptions. Considering her performance and the family background, the committee recommended her into the sponsorship program.



KINGSLEY K.

Kingsley was born in 2004 in Igembe South District. He is the 3rd born in a family of 3 children. He was brought up by his single mother who is an ECDE (preschool) teacher. His brother and sister are in primary school and they have no land, hence the family has rented a room where they stay. Meeting the basic needs for the family has been very difficult throughout Kingsley's life. Sometimes he felt like giving up when seeing how his mother was struggling to take care of him and his siblings. He often visited his grandparents' home seeking assistance, but they were also poor and he would return to his mother's house feeling dejected. Despite the conditions, he continued to work hard in school praying to God that one day he would succeed and be in a position to help his mother.



Kingsley sat for KCPE in 2018 and passed well with 403 out of 500 marks. His mother could not raise the fees for him to join form one and she had to take a loan which she pays up to date. Due to the huge loan compared to his mother's income, she is unable to repay the loan and also pay for his school fees. Kingsley attends MCK church, where he is an active member. He is optimistic that, if he is given the scholarship, he will put effort into his studies and be in a position to uplift the standards of his family. The selection committee recommended that he be considered to benefit from the Scholarship program.

NYANZA REGION

PREAMBLE

Nyanza Region received 9 applications for the 2020 scholarship program. The applications that came in time were shortlisted according to the criteria which were: attaining the KCPE marks, level of need, and submission of relevant supportive documents, as stipulated in the scholarship application forms. Below are the stories of the students that were selected by the committee as beneficiaries of the 2019 scholarship.

VINCENT M. O.

Vincent was born in 2004 in Kisumu County. He is the 1st born in a family of four children. His siblings are all in Primary School. His father is an alcoholic, who is rarely home, and his mother is a peasant farmer who depends on relatives for support. He garnered 381 marks in his Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE).

Vincent joined high School in 2019 after his relatives organized a fundraiser for his school fees. His aunt, who has been instrumental in contributing to his fees, lost her work, leading to him often being sent home for lack of required school fees. He is a hard working student who has managed to remain at the top of his studies, despite the many challenges he is faced with. He says nothing will come between his studies and his desire for a better future for him and his younger siblings. His teachers agree that he is a polite and obedient boy who aspires to become a lawyer. He is a member of the Anglican Church.



WINSLET A. O.

Winslet was born in 2002 in Kisumu County. She is the second born in a family of five children. Her four siblings all live with different well-wishers since their mother abandoned all of them after each birth. Luckily for Winslet, she and one of her sisters live with Carolynne and her husband, both peasant farmers who are struggling to even raise school fees for their own children. Despite all these challenges, Winslet garnered 361 marks out of 500 in Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) examinations.

She joined a girls high school in 2019 through a funds drive organized by the community area chief and the teachers from her high school. She tops her class averaging (A plain) in end term examinations. The guardians, teachers, and the area Chief describe Winslet as well behaved, hardworking and consistent in her studies. Winslet is a member of PEFA Church and she aspires to become a teacher. After a very thorough investigative enquiry and interview, we recommend Winslet for scholarship.

